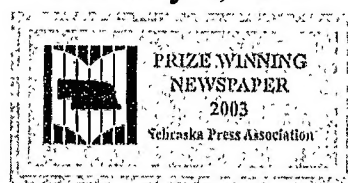


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Malcolm X festival discusses nonviolent civil rights movements

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NEWS EDITOR

In the early sixties, students and other civil rights activists began testing another way of protest: non-violent.

The fourth annual Malcolm X festival began on Wednesday with several veterans of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee discussing their experiences, as well as explaining that the civil rights movement is not yet over.

"Many of them (students) have this feeling that they missed it," said Clayborne Carson, Ph.D., during a panel discussion of the SNCC.

Carson is a professor of history at Stanford and the curator of the Martin Luther King Papers. He is also the author of *Struggle: SNCC and the Black Awakening of the 1960's*.

Other panelists include Dr. Joseph White, a psychologist, Arthur Himmelman, community development, Cleveland Selles, D.Ed., SNCC organizer, and UNO's director of Multicultural Affairs, James Freeman.

The four-day event is sponsored by the UNO Department of Black Studies and sponsored in part by the Nebraska Arts Council.



Umar Faruq Abd-Allah, chairman of the board and Scholar-in-Residence at the Nawawi Foundation in Chicago, Ill., speaks Wednesday morning about the "Roots of Islam in America."

"Having an opportunity to hear about the civil rights movement and the SNCC directly from people who participated is vitally important," stated Robert Chrisman,

students so far."

For more information on the final two days of events, contact Dailey at 554-2412

chairman of the UNO Department of Black Studies, in a news release.

On Thursday, the cultural dimension was explored, with poems author by Jayne Cortez, and a poetry jam later that night. Cortez has published 10 volumes of poetry.

The final two days of the festival are next Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, nationally acclaimed performer Awele Makeba will perform at North High School and then again on the Thursday at MBSC.

"It's going pretty good," said Felicia Dailey of UNO's department of black studies on Wednesday. "We've had over 300

Search for next library dean nears its conclusion

J. PARKER ADAIR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The UNO library has been without a formal dean since Jan Boyer stepped down from the position effective June 30, 2004. As early as today, there may be a permanent replacement.

After taking a six-month leave of absence, Boyer returned to the library faculty in the technical services area. Dorothy Willis has served as the interim dean since that time.

While there is no official decision yet, the office of the vice chancellor of academic and student affairs finished its final interview Jan. 21 with a target for a decision within two-weeks, today.

Three finalists were interviewed during campus visits in the past month.

Daniel Liestman has been the associate director library services at Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers) since December 2001. He interviewed Dec. 19-21, 2004. He has a Master of Science in library science from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Arts in history from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX.

Stephen R. Shorb has served as associate director of university libraries at the University of Florida since 2001. He interviewed Jan. 5-7. Shorb is expected to receive his Masters of Arts in political science (public affairs) from the University of Florida this spring.

Tom Peters founded TAP Information Services in June of 2003. He interviewed Jan. 19-21. Peters received his Masters of Arts in English from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and one in library and information science from the University of Iowa.

Football recruiting starts strong

NATHAN LEETE
SPORTS EDITOR

On Wednesday, the Mavericks football team showed its recruiting reach, signing 18 players from six states. While "Signing Day" has become a major tradition in recent years on the Division I level, it is equally as big and significant on the Division II level.

Recruits come from as far away as Phoenix and the suburbs of Chicago, as well as right here in Omaha committed to join the defending North Central Conference champions. Not only do these players hail from all over the country, they are also all coming straight out of high school, as there was not a single junior college transfer in the bunch.

"We just felt that these young

players, plus the returning young players already in the program, will be able to meet our needs for the next season," Behms said in a press release. "I think there are definitely some of these recruits who could emerge as regular players this fall."

The recruits include a quarterback, a kicker, five wide receivers, five defensive backs, three running backs, two defensive linemen and one center.

"Everything we did this year was meant to meet a specific need," Behms said. "I think we attained our goals. I think the talent level is very high."

Last season's Mavs posted an 8-3 overall record and won UNO's sixth NCC football championship. They will open spring practice on March 21 and will conclude drills with a spring game on April 16.

The 2005 Maverick Football Recruiting Class

Name	Pos.	Ht., Wt. Hometown/High School
Matt Ajuoga	WR	6-2, 170, Ralston, Neb./Ralston HS
David Chochon	DB	6-1, 190, Columbus, Neb./Columbus Lakeview HS
Alexander Hahn	K	6-0, 190, Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie HS
LaVell Jackson	DB	5-9, 175, Harvey, Ill./Thornton HS
Zac Keller	DL	6-2, 275, Kearney, Neb./Kearney HS
Andy Keith	FB	6-1, 216, Omaha, Neb./Creighton Prep HS
Troy Kush	WR	6-3, 185, Gretna, Neb./Gretna HS
Andy Parke	OC	6-3, 270, St. Louis Park, Minn./St. Louis Park HS
Arsenio Richardson	RB	5-11, 200, Minnetonka, Minn./St. Louis Park HS
Antony Rittion	WR	6-5, 195, Auburn, Neb./Auburn HS
Tanner Samame	WR	6-4, 193, West Des Moines, Iowa/W.Des Moines HS
Dan Sellers	DB	6-2, 185, Brown Deer Wis./Brown Deer HS
Michael Tamez	WR	6-2, 200, Phoenix, Ariz./Desert Vista HS
Travis Thomas	DT	6-3, 270, Bellevue, Neb./Bellevue West HS
Robert Wesley	RB	5-9, 175, Omaha, Neb./Central HS
Pagel Williams	DB	5-8, 165, Chicago, Ill./Morgan Park HS
Greg Wunderlich	QB	5-11, 180, Naperville, Ill./Naperville HS
Jason Zabka	DB	6-2, 190, Petersburg, Neb./Boone Central HS

Omaha Weather

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Mostly Sunny H: 56 L: 32	Breezy H: 53 L: 31	Chance of Snow H: 37 L: 22	Chance of Snow H: 29 L: 15

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The real profile of a UNO student, according to the Office of Institutional Research

SCOTT STEWART
STAFF WRITER

What does the profile of a typical UNO student look like? What are they interested in? How do they spend their time?

According to Linda Mannering, the director of the UNO Office of Institutional Research, UNO embraces a wide range of students from non-traditional, part-time students who can take up to twelve years to graduate, to more traditional students coming straight from high school.

However, one thing can be said for certain about the students here at UNO: "They're quite busy people."

Every year, Mannering and the Office of Institutional Research compile statistics on the UNO student body, particularly the incoming freshman and outgoing senior classes. This data is gathered through student information systems by making an electronic backup, or "snapshot," on the sixth day of the fall semester.

Surveys are also conducted on freshmen and seniors and then compared with other institutions across the country. These institutions include Portland State University, The University of Colorado at Denver, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and several others.

Once compiled, this information is used for many purposes.

"We report enrollment statistics

to a number of organizations, the Federal government and Department of Education, the Board of Regents, and surveys by organizations like the Princeton Review, the College Board, and U.S. News & World Report."

One of the primary uses of this information is strategic planning by the university. For example, when

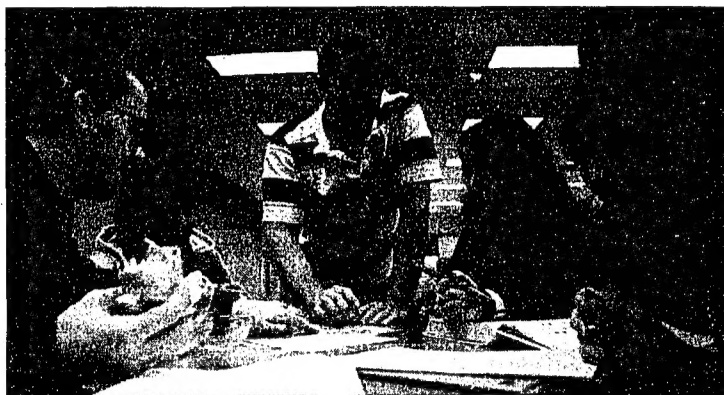
34.5 percent at comparable institutions. Forty-four percent of freshman work over 21 hours per week off-campus - that's almost four times the number elsewhere.

With more high school students working, many incoming freshmen already have employment. According to Mannering, many freshmen forget that less time in the classroom does not mean less time devoted to study, so they increase their work hours when they should, if anything, probably be reducing them.

Of course, upperclassmen work too. A full 95 percent of UNO seniors work for pay, according to Institutional Research findings. They also found that about one-half of students say that work impacts their ability to study and become involved.

Nevertheless, UNO students seem to be able to balance work and school. Even while employment levels are at staggeringly high numbers, freshmen retention is also on the rise, one of the highest rates the university has ever achieved, approximately 75 percent.

Other findings of last fall's student profile include the fact that most UNO students are pretty happy with academics. Ninety-two percent feel satisfied with their critical thinking skills, which has been cited as a top goal by university faculty. Additionally, nearly 60 percent of UNO graduates enter as transfer students.



courtesy photo

Students working together on a project.

compared with ten other peer institutions, UNO ranked above average in academic tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduate and graduate students, both resident and non-resident.

The most difference between UNO and other institutions comes not in its tuition level, though, but in the number of working students.

"We knew our students were working a lot, but we didn't know how much. Our freshmen were working an awful lot," Mannering said.

Eight-five percent of freshmen reported working for pay by the end of their first year, over 77.4 percent working off-campus, compared to only

News Briefs

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NEWS EDITOR

FFFF to feature Hugh Reilly Feb.

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Hugh Reilly, assistant professor of communication in the UNO School of Communication, will be featured on KVNO Classical 90.7 FM's "First Friday Faculty Focus" today.

"First Friday Faculty Focus" is an interview series that highlights the many contributions of individual faculty members to UNO and the greater community, said Cheril Lee, KVNO news director.

Lee's interview with Reilly will air during the 8 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. newscasts today. For more information about the interview series, contact Lee at 554-2516.

"Dress Red Day" Feb. 4 at UNO

The American Heart Association's annual Dress Red Day is today.

"All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to join women across the nation in wearing red on Friday to show support, improve heart health and help raise awareness of the No. 1 killer of women - heart disease," said Kris Parks, event organizer at UNO.

Muslim Student Association to host Feb. 10 benefit for tsunami relief

A UNO geology professor, a speaker with an Islamic perspective on God and disasters, and the head of an international charitable foundation will discuss the recent tsunami and its aftermath in a fundraising event set for next Thursday on campus.

The event, sponsored by the UNO Muslim Student Association, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. All proceeds will go to tsunami relief in Aceh, Indonesia.

Harmon Maher, UNO professor of geology, will discuss earthquakes and volcanic activity in general, what specifically happened Dec. 26 and what can be done to avoid loss of life during future tectonic events.

Tehminia Zeb, a speaker from the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Nebraska, will present "An Islamic Perspective on the Tsunami Disaster." Zeb speaks to high schools, universities and business board meetings about topics in Islam.

Hatil Demir, head of the Zakat Foundation, will give an overview of relief efforts currently under way in Aceh and what other resources are needed. The Zakat Foundation is one of the largest Muslim charities in

the United States that operates both nationally and internationally.

Admission to the event is free, but contributions will be taken for the relief effort. Entertainment will be provided, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Hummel at 319-7964.

Career Exploration and Outreach to host job fair March 9

The UNO Office of Career Exploration and Outreach will host a job fair March 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

The event will feature employers who are actively seeking candidates for open positions and internships. Professional interview attire is expected, and students should pre-register to attend the fair by March 2.

To register, students must have a profile on the Career Connections system. Interested students can visit unoco.unomaha.edu and click on the "Career Connections" link to create a profile and register for the fair.

For more information about the job fair, Career Connections and other services, contact Career Exploration and Outreach at 554-3672, or stop by 211 Eppley Administration Building.

Campus Crime Log

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Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005

9:25 a.m. Student reported theft of personal property from Kayser Hall. Incident occurred at 11:20 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005

11:20 a.m. Student reported theft of personal property from University Village. Theft occurred between 12 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 18, 2005 and 11:59 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005.

Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005

12:36 a.m. Campus Security Officers responded to an assault by a student on another student in I lot.

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

2 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from an undetermined location. Incident occurred between 12:50 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.

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Correction:

The Tuesday paper incorrectly identified Jeremy Lipschultz as 'Interim Dean of the College of Communication,' and Hollis Glaser as an 'assistant professor.'

Jeremy Lipschultz is the director of the College of Communication. Hollis Glaser is an associate professor.



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Web site for DateUNO launches

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For someone who goes by the name "Mr. Nasty" online, Brad Nietfeldt is pretty polite and cordial. The 26-year-old entrepreneur sits in his company headquarters a tiny but accommodating office space near "L" Street and is explaining how he went from computer geek to local Web mogul.

Nietfeldt is the owner and operator of www.dateuno.com, a new Web-based service that calls itself "Omaha's intelligent dating resource." He owns several other Web sites, all of which fall under the jurisdiction of his parent company, WWOBN Communications.

Nietfeldt says that he acquired somewhat of an addiction to computers in high school, when he set up and ran his own bulletin board system, a now-archaic precursor to online communities like MySpace and Friendster. It didn't take Nietfeldt long to learn the ropes and get hired by an Internet service provider while he was still in high school.

After high school, Nietfeldt received his bachelor's degree in computer networking from ITT Technical Institute, and is currently working on his master's at Bellevue

University.

His DateUNO Web site was just re-launched last month from its beta version, which has been running for about eight months. He got the idea from Omahasingles.com, but says he wanted an alternative. He



Josh Bashara

DateUNO creator Brad Nietfeldt in his office at WWOBN Communications, a local Web development company.

wanted create something that targeted the college-age crowd and catered to that lifestyle.

Oddly enough, Nietfeldt isn't a user of online dating services himself. "Actually never," he says with a laugh. "It was just something I always wanted to build. I really just wanted to see if I could do it."

He was laid up in the hospital for a few weeks after he had surgery last year, so he started brainstorming some ideas. In only a

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Hints to avoid a hazardous holiday

ERIKA BERG
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. One of the most stressful holidays is right around the corner. Stressful if you're single because this holiday certainly doesn't celebrate being numero uno. And stressful if you're attached, because what, or where do you find that perfect gift? Your whole relationship could balance on the mere mistake of picking up dark chocolate when in fact she loves milk chocolate. The countdown to V-day has begun.

Valentine's Day started out as a remembrance for a priest named St. Valentine. Legend says he fell in love with his jailer's daughter and sent the first ever love note signed, "Your Valentine." Others insist he was a martyr for Roman soldiers who were forbidden to get married. The only thing that matters is that he has been the inspiration for lovers everywhere to express their deepest desires and feelings. That is until there were places such as Hallmark, Godiva and Dr. Johns.

It's kind of sad how commercialized Valentine's Day has become, but when it comes to this holiday, it's sink or swim. So what to do about that gift? That special night? Here are a few tips worth taking notes on.

First of all, you should know what not to do. Guys, this is not the time to buy her a thigh master, vacuum or car kit. We know you're trying to be helpful, but we might take it the wrong way. Ladies, I know you're probably thinking this is the opportune time to introduce him to world of fashion, nose

hair clippers or the health benefits of tofu, but it's not. Gifts should show that you spent time thinking about your significant other and not just about who can outspend whom.

There are many groups which gifts can fall under. Try thinking of a gift with originality, maybe make a piece of art, or framing a picture with sentimental items. There is also the gift that is collectible. Do they have a favorite sports team, movie or hobby? Try finding them that rare record or comic book. If those don't appeal to you, there is also the gift of service or gift of relaxation. Make them "love coupons" that say you'll take them to dinner, give them a massage or do the dishes. You could explore the wonderful world of nail color or indulge them with a spa package. There are spa packages tailored just for guys too. If you still need help, www.redenvelope.com and www.ftd.com are great Web sites for inspiration.

Once you got the idea for a gift, how do you present it? What can make that night special? There is the tried and true, dinner with some entertainment thrown in. Try the French Café in the Old Market or maybe a place in Dundee will set the mood. The Rose Theater is showing the ballet, *Romeo & Juliet*, and if you buy tickets before Feb. 14, you'll receive a discount. If ballet isn't your style, there are always movies.

There is a wide range of films to choose from, especially if you're renting. *A Walk to Remember*, *Serendipity* and *Kate & Leopold* should do the trick. Don't worry guys, there are some unconventional, not-so-sappy, romantic movies you could rent like *Shallow*

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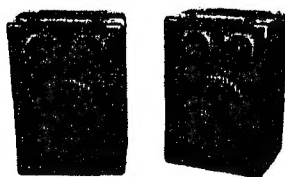
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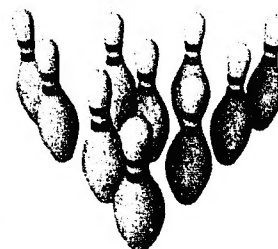
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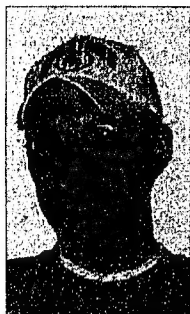
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20 Questions for a UNO student

BECKY BOYER
STAFF WRITER



Name: Ben Schekirke
Major: Secondary Education
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Bellevue

1. Describe yourself in five words:

"Athletic, funny, charming, awesome and humble."

2. What is your most proud accomplishment and why?

"Graduating high school and going to college."

3. What would you most like to accomplish in the future?

"Graduate college and become a billionaire."

4. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

"Kids, steady job, billionaire."

5. What is your favorite band right now?

"311."

6. What is your favorite movie of all time?

"Forrest Gump."

7. Who is your favorite actor?

"John Malkovich."

8. What is in your CD player right now?

"Toby Keith."

9. What album/song would sum up the past year of your life?

"'Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)' by Toby Keith."

10. What resolutions did you make for the new year and did you keep them?

"Stop outrageous spending and I have (kept them)."

11. Why did you choose to attend UNO?

"Close and cheap."

12. What would you change about UNO?

"Parking."

13. What is the best thing about UNO?

"Hot chicks."

14. What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

"Come early and try to find the best parking spot."

15. Do you have anything that you'd like to say to your professors?

"Ease off on the whole reading thing, we have lives too."

16. What person would you like to meet from history and what would you ask them?

"George Washington, 'Want some toothpaste?'"

17. If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

"San Diego, the weather's flipping awesome."

18. What is your favorite place you've visited?

"San Diego."

19. How's your day going?

"Boring, came late and slept through the last class."

20. What would you like for us to ask the next person interviewed?

"Do you like Totino's pizza rolls?"

Criminal Justice class takes an in-depth look at Terrorism attacks

JAIME POTTHAST
STAFF WRITER

Post-September 11 trauma has heightened our awareness of the threat of terrorism. With warning levels fluctuating between orange and yellow, everyone seems to be involved. It's fitting, then, that UNO joins in.

The UNO Criminal Justice Department is offering a terrorism class this semester. This course, designed to assist students in developing an understanding of terrorism as a political crime, is being taught for the second time by Dennis Hoffman and is offered only once a year. Hoffman said that some students coming into his class are not realizing the full extent of the threat we face everyday in the U.S.

"[In my first lecture last year,] I discussed 9/11 and the impact it has had on all of our lives," he said. "When I finished my lecture, it was deathly silent in the classroom. At that moment, I think my students realized the clear and present danger of another attack."

The September 11 attacks will be a prominent topic for discussion in Hoffman's class, but not the only thing being discussed.

Some of the other topics discussed in this terrorism class include: trends in terrorism; definitions of terrorism; how Al Qaeda and other terrorist networks justify killing in the name of God or some other higher being; counter terrorism strategies; the morality and immorality of suicide bombings; the costs and benefits of torture; the importance of diplomacy as well as military operations in fighting terrorism; why terrorism works; the civil liberties trade-offs that are happening because of the Patriot Act; and the pros and cons of the Iraq war.

On a more local level, the class will also discuss what is being done to defend America and America's vulnerability to various kinds of attacks including attacks by terrorists using weapons of mass destruction.

In addition to the usual class lecture and discussion, Hoffman said his previous class also took several field trips to visit the Bio-terrorism Institute at the University of

Nebraska Medical Center.

"While we were there, my students were able to participate in real time active learning seminars dealing with the roles of first responders such as police, firefighters and health care workers." Several things set this class apart from others. The main one is that the *New York Times* is the main learning tool.

"Through the *New York Times* lesson plans, students are exposed to many links to valuable sources on terrorism," Hoffman said. "This semester they are completing a series of 11 special lesson plans that are available online through the *New York Times*' learning network. These assignments require students to do a lot of reading, writing and critical thinking."

Another thing that is unique to this course is that Hoffman uses a write to learn approach. Each lesson is specifically designed to engage students. A typical class involves a lot of interaction where students are allowed to share their ideas.

Hoffman said they often thoroughly discuss, debate and even sometimes argue. "Generally, students are very respectful of one another's viewpoints to the extent that they feel comfortable challenging each other," he said.

During the semester, students will also participate in several case studies. Some of these include several terrorist incidents such as the sarin attacks in Tokyo subways, the Oklahoma City bombing and the 9/11 attacks.

Most of the students enrolled in this terrorism class are Criminal Justice majors though Hoffman said students from a variety of backgrounds have enrolled.

"There are also a fair number of foreign language majors and students with other majors," he said. "Typically, students [who] enroll in this course are mature, aggressive learners."

For those that fit that description and are eager to learn more about terrorism, this class will be an elective option for next year.

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week and a half, he had a rough version of the site designed and ready to rock.

But it was a learning experience for him, and he admits to having to work out a few kinks. Nonetheless, his initial beta version of the site attracted thousands of visitors and hundreds of members without any real advertising.

The new incarnation of DateUNO includes a bunch of nifty features like instant messaging, a site-wide mail system, photo albums and something called a "hot list" that lets users see who's been checking them out.

Shifting his baseball hat a little, Nietfeldt eagerly mentions the "matchfinder" feature he designed; it's an intuitive notification system that pairs up users based on a variety of criteria including age, location, interests and more. Over the next few weeks, Nietfeldt hopes to add live video chat capabilities to the site, which would allow potential lovebirds to talk to each other via their Web cams.

The most intriguing aspect of DateUNO right now is that it doesn't cost a penny to use. In a bold marketing move, Nietfeldt is giving the site's services away for free, hoping instead that he will be able to draw revenue solely from advertisers instead.

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Hal, Spiderman and The Sweetest Thing.

If you would rather see a movie in the theater, *Hitch* will be released on Feb. 11. This romantic comedy starring Will Smith is all about hookin' couples up. In fact, if you're short on change, pick up a free pass for a Feb. 7 screening from *The Gateway* and make Valentine's Day a week-long celebration.

So far the fruits of his labor are beginning to pay off. Nietfeldt has hooked up with several hip Omaha-area companies such as ultramusique.com in an attempt to widen his user base and get some cross-promotion going. Nietfeldt hopes that DateUNO will not only serve as a dating and friendship service, but as an online portal for local happenings as well.

Despite all the site has to offer, though, Nietfeldt admits that some people still raise a hesitant eyebrow when it comes to meeting people from the Internet.

"It was dorky back in the day," he says, smirking. "I remember back in high school people making fun of you for that. I think it's more accepted now because more people do it. It's a little safer now, too."

DateUNO.com offers a wide range of security options, including the ability to block users and display only certain information on your profile.

Above all else, though, it seems as if Nietfeldt is just having a good time. "The cool thing about it is that it's homegrown," he says, beaming. "It's something that I wrote and I'm really proud of that. It's not going to go away anytime soon."

So hopefully you're not feeling so hopeless when it comes to mastering the art of Valentine's Day. Just remember, this may be cliché, but it's so true: the whole point of Valentine's Day is to just share time with each other and show you care. And don't forget, showering each other with affection shouldn't be limited to one day a year.

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Another scare flick falls short

REVIEW BY ERIKA BERG
STAFF WRITER

"Come out, come out, wherever you are!"

This simple request has been made by kids everywhere when playing "hide and seek" I, probably, as well as many of you, have played this game with a sense of childish innocence and fun. But what happens when this game takes a twisted turn?

This seems to be the case in John Polson's new movie, *Hide and Seek*. This "R"-rated flick stars up-and-coming Dakota Fanning (*I am Sam*) as Emily, the disturbed child of psychologist David, played by Robert De Niro. The cast also includes Famke Janssen, Elisabeth Shue (in a rare big-screen performance) and Amy Irving.

I saw this movie last weekend with hopes of a good scare, but I found this was yet another movie that existed only for the sake of its ending. (Think Johnny Depp



K.C. Bailey
David Callaway (Academy Award winner Robert De Niro) tries to find the truth behind his daughter, Emily's (Dakota Fanning), "imaginary" friend.

in *Secret Window*.) The movie starts out showing a heart-warming shot with Emily and her mom playing a goodnight game of "hide and seek," which is then followed by the mom committing suicide. This sick

scene continues when David and Emily find her in a bloody bathtub, which sends Emily into a state of shock. All I could think was, "Where did this come from? What's going on?" That mindset seemed to be the framework for the rest of the movie.

The plot continues with David and now-creepy daughter Emily, moving to a secluded home in upstate New York. This is where the pair soon encounters a series of traumatic and nightmarish events, including a drowned cat, mutilated

dolls and graffiti in the bathroom - all of which are now blamed on Emily's new imaginary friend, Charlie.

But how can an "imaginary" friend have this type of hold on Emily? What if Charlie is not imaginary, but a menacing flesh-and-blood presence? These are questions one may ask while watching the movie. I had time to contemplate these thoughts through the first hour of weak character development and sporadic suspenseful moments.

The movie does eventually live up to its "thriller" genre in the last 40 minutes with some action, drama and a twist of an ending, which left most of us thinking, "huh?" Rethinking the movie on the drive home, I concluded it wasn't a waste of money, but it did not live up to its nail-biting trailers. If anything, go to the movie to spend time with friends and joke about it on the way home. I would have to say this is a one-time deal though, because once you've seen the end, the whole reason to sit through the movie is gone, kind of like De Niro's acting abilities in this film.

Wish You Were There

A quick re-cap of a concert you may have missed

Mike Park, Colossal, Jenny Choi, Youth in Asia

REVIEW BY SARAH LEGG
FEATURES EDITOR

Tuesday night's show at Sokol Underground was one of the best I have witnessed as of late. It was a show including an old-school hardcore punk band, self-proclaimed wussie-chick on keyboard, two drummers in one band and an activist using music to stand up for a cause.

Mike Park headlined the show with his acoustic, heart-felt songs raising awareness for equality among races. Unfortunately the show was far from packed as only about 30 or 40 people showed up to hear his message for peace. During the first few songs of his set, a projection screen played a DVD of Mike Park holding up records of bands that influenced him, clips of people who influenced him and quotes from leaders of the past.

"I consider myself and activist first, and then a musician," he said between songs. The 34-year-old founded record label Asian Man Records and a non-profit organization called the Plea for Peace Foundation. You might also recognize Park from bands such as Skankin' Pickle, The Bruce Lee Band and the Chinkees - an obvious pun on racial stereotypes towards Asians.

Plea for Peace helps raise money for various charities around the nation. The next fundraiser for the foundation will be a bike ride from Seattle to California. Riders will be musicians who will stop off at various locations to play shows and raise money for a youth center in the northern California bay-area. The center will focus on things like music, arts and entertainment - things other than sports and other things most kids see as "normal".

Opening for Park was a band called

Colossal from Chicago. This is why I wish you were at this show. First of all, this band had not one, but two drummers to add to their funky, jam-band style of play.

During one song, both drummers went back and forth in a drum solo that left me, along with the rest of the crowd standing in awe. I hadn't even noticed until it was over that I had been standing there the whole time with my mouth open and eyes staring in complete disbelief of the awesomeness that was those two drummers. No CD could do them justice; they are definitely a band that should be seen live. I ended up leaving with a 12-inch record of their full-length performance.

Before Colossal, was Jenny Choi. She played upbeat power-pop songs on her keyboard as a drummer played along. Her voice was beautiful and her songs were catchy. Between songs, she told a funny story of how she played at a punk-rock mock frat house basement show in California and she didn't want to play

only her "wussie" songs so she played a hardcore punk cover. The people in the crowd wanted her to play it again; all the screaming got to her small body and she threw up.

Local heroes Youth in Asia opened the show with their fast, hardcore anthems. The band is based in Lincoln with a member, Pete Bataillon, from Omaha. They screamed, played some fun ska riffs and made me want to mosh. Their songs with messages such as "No War" and "Turn on the Radio" reminded me of how fun punk shows really are.

Shame on you if you missed the show, you could have really learned a thing or two about activism and good music. But hey, there's always next time, right?



Pete Bataillon

Mike Park plays acoustic songs of activism Tuesday at Sokol Underground.

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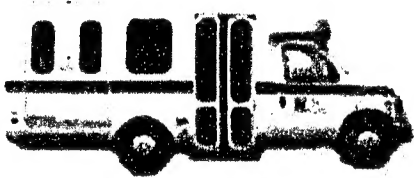
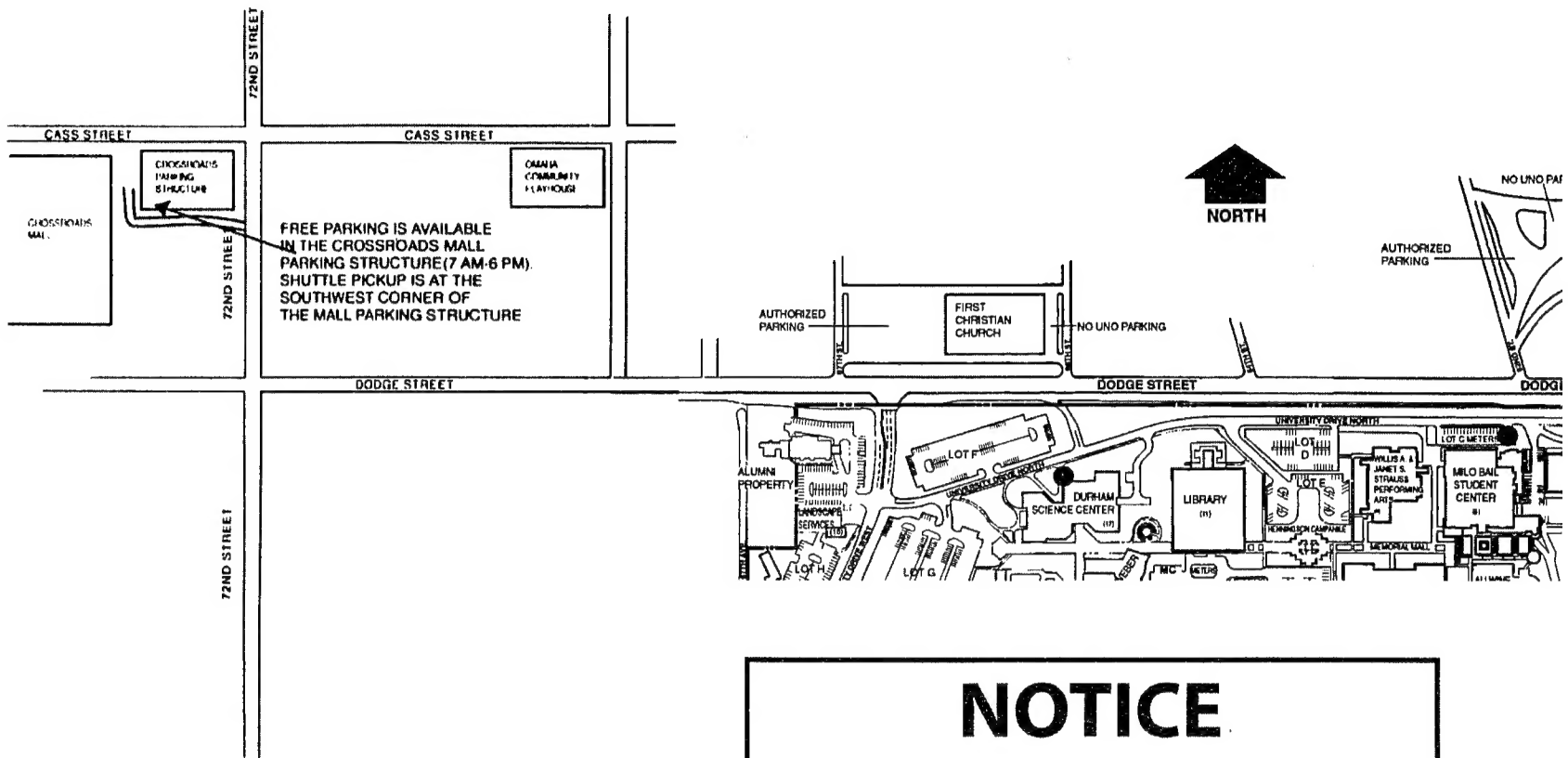
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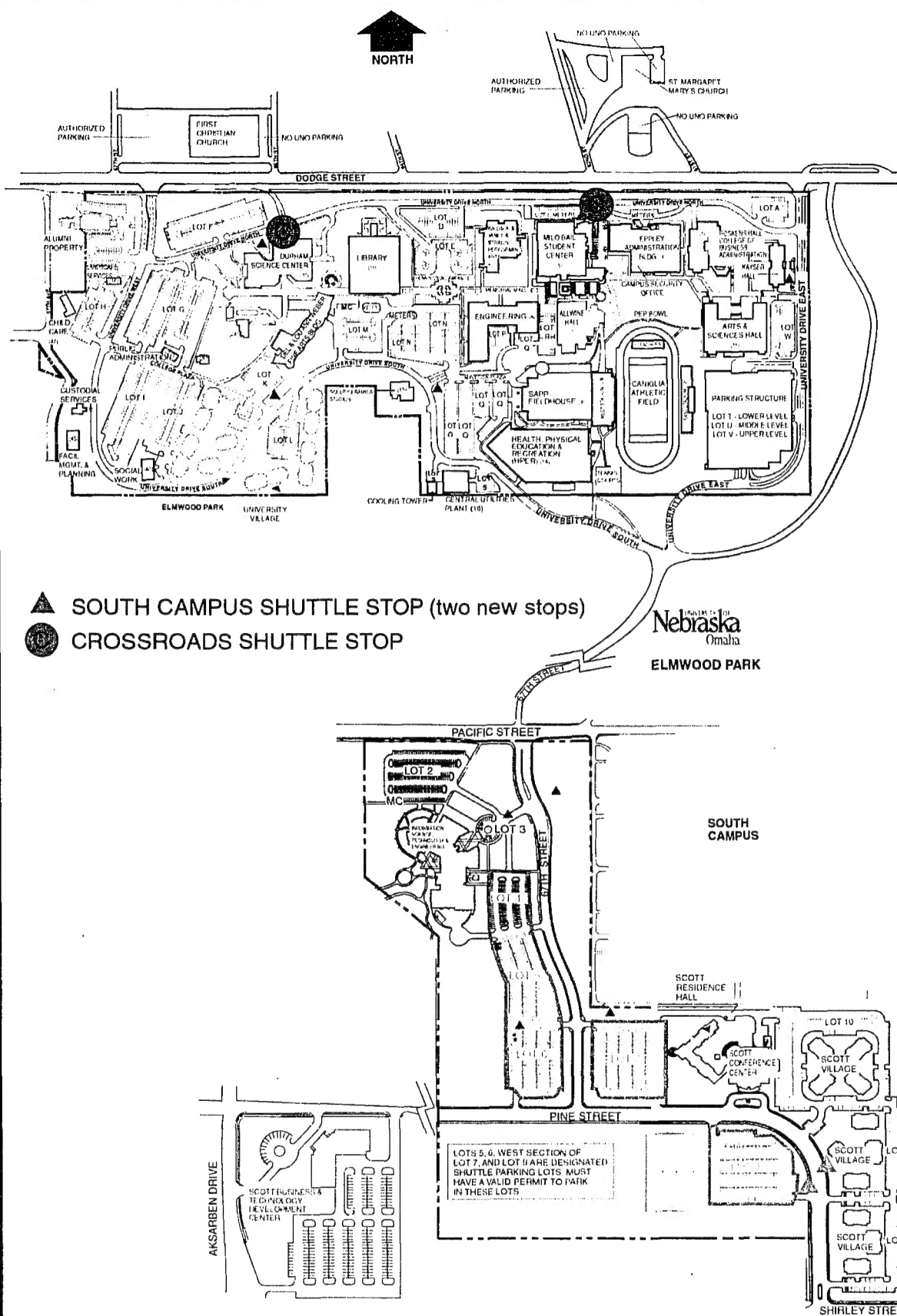
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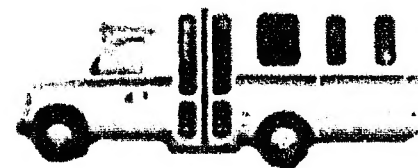
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AVP on DVD: just as bad as the movie

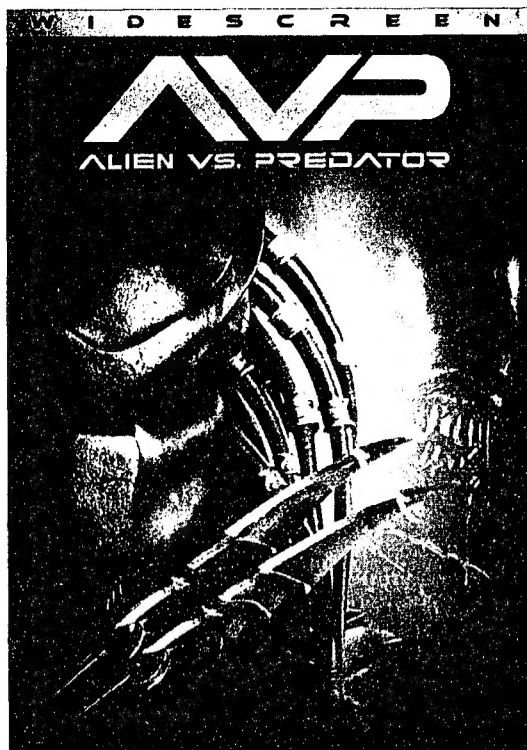
REVIEW BY ANDREW CUMBEE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Paul W. S. Anderson's *Alien vs. Predator* made it to DVD last week and it's just as bad as it was in theaters this past summer.

AVP tells the story of the aliens from the *Predator* movies and their once-a-century battle with the aliens from the *Alien* movies. The story is usually pointless in a film like this, but *AVP*'s is so terribly written that it takes away from the movie. The action and fight scenes are also lame, cookie-cutter copies of every other science fiction movie.

Everything about the film is bad. The characters suck, the story sucks, and even the new costume designs kind of suck. Fans should also be disappointed to see that this does not fit in with any of the previous films in either series.

As far as the DVD goes, mostly the same applies. This seems like something the studio put out just to make a quick buck. The few special features that are on this disc are older than the movie, itself. The rest of the DVD is littered with advertisements, including three for already released



20th Century Fox
Somebody's been a bad little Alien: *Alien vs. Predator* now on DVD

videos, two for upcoming films, one for that new cartoon from the people

behind "Family Guy," and one for the upcoming Superbowl. For the amount of time spent on watching the commercials on *AVP*, it would be nice to have some extra features on things like the history of the "Alien vs. Predator" mythos, or a more in-depth look at the making of the film.

What's really surprising about all the previews is that this DVD doesn't have one for *Alien vs. Predator* itself. Over time, we've come to expect that even on discount DVDs, we'd at least get the classic preview and TV spots. *AVP* has neither.

The disc isn't bare-bones, though. There are a couple of actual special features. First, we get a making-of documentary. After the doc is over, it says "Coming to Theaters." The standard behind-the-scenes turns out to be 20-minute preview of the film passed to journalists and studio insiders before the film's release. Of course, because of that, everyone talks about how good the movie is and how exciting it is, with absolutely no truth. What was cool about the *Alien* *Quadrilogy* DVD set from last year was

that on the documentaries, everyone was honest. When it came to the sub-par third and fourth films, the filmmakers admitted that they messed up. It would be nice to have that same satisfaction on *AVP*, the worst *Alien* movie.

The worst thing about the DVD is this "Alternate Beginning" that is advertised on every surface of the packaging. On the menu, you can choose to play the "Theatrical Version" or the "Extended Version." Well, the new cut is an amazing minute and a half longer. This "Alternate Beginning" is actually just a scene that doesn't really fit the rest of the movie.

There are a few things right with this DVD. The DVD-ROM interaction has some behind-the-scenes looks at the comic books: some history, how they're made, and the upcoming graphic novel. There are also some pretty good commentary tracks for the *AVP*-obsessed. One features the writer/director Anderson with the main stars and the other offers some insight on the visual and sound effects from select crew of the film. As for sound and picture quality, all is good here.

The *AVP* DVD is not worth the money unless you hardcore fans need it to finish off your *Alien* and/or *Predator* collection(s). Otherwise, avoid this DVD and this movie for the rest of your life.

Taking over the Web: MMORPGs

ANDREW CUMBEE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Massive multi-player online role-playing games (MMORPGs) are nothing new. The idea has been around since the golden age of the Internet. However, what once was the nerdiest sector of gaming is no longer for those lonely, stay-home-on-Friday-night geeks.

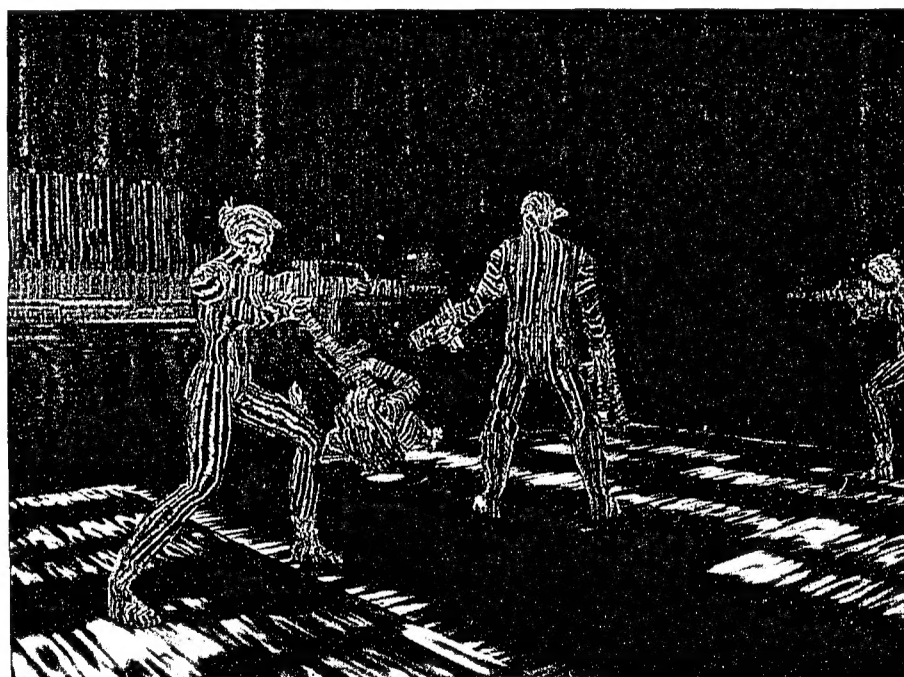
With a number of different franchises from all over the gaming and film worlds jumping on board with their own MMORPGs, the number of MMORPG-players has sky-rocketed. Literally millions of people all over the world log on to play these games. So, what is an MMORPG and is this going to catch with the average gamer?

Most people have heard of *EverQuest*. This series really took off in the United States, and even non-gamers know about the weddings and suicides connected with the game.

People took it seriously. The game spawned one official sequel and one unofficial sequel, seven expansion packs, and many different knock-offs. Even today it is still the game that all MMORPGs will be compared against.

In *EverQuest*, you choose a character and then customize them to have your own individual, unique character to control while on your quest. You choose a character race and class and then you are set to adventure in the world of *EverQuest*, which spans an entire world with different continents. You play on a server that holds up to 2,000 people playing at one time. Throughout the game you try to build up your character's power levels, develop skills, make friends, discover items and complete quests.

EverQuest made the MMORPG popular, and now game developers are taking chances by adding their own twists on the style of game play. The *Warcraft* universe has just made the leap into MMORPG territory with *The World of Warcraft*. Many people remember playing *Warcraft 2*, a game that it seems everyone has. This features similar



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Online role playing games like the new *Matrix Online* show no signs of dropping in popularity.

characters and the "human vs. orc" theme. Players form teams with others and must complete missions and battle other teams for power and fortune. The game is new everyday, as the developer changes things around to make sure players will never be bored. *World of Warcraft* was released in 2002 and is still heralded as the crown jewel of MMORPGs.

acceptable games." *Matrix* takes place after the films and will allow players to customize their characters and aid in the war between humans and machines. They can either choose to be on the side of the humans, machines or Merovingians. The story unfolds over time, according to what you do, and also what the developers establish in the game after it is released.

Many other games have been released in the last couple of years, all with different settings and things to do. For the *Final Fantasy* nuts, *Final Fantasy XI* was made into an MMORPG. There's also *Star Wars Galaxies*, which, as the title suggests, is a MMORPG set in the world of *Star Wars*. *Dungeons and Dragons* is also getting the online treatment in a few months. *City of Heroes* is another very popular game, with the theme for that game being superheroes. There's even a *Lord of the Rings: Middle-earth Online* on its way.

Expect this craze to outgrow its roots and get away from being just the next step for fantasy geeks. It is already becoming more and more acceptable and stepping into the shoes of many different types of games.

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The Bullpen revisited and yet the debate still rages

COMMENTARY BY BRIAN BRASHAW
COPY EDITOR

I thought maybe this would end the debate. I thought maybe after the UNO hockey team went back to the Civic fans would choose a side on whether or not it was the best idea to move the team to the Qwest Center. I thought once the fans saw

how good UNO has it in the new barn, the old barn would be left as a nice place to visit. I came away thinking nothing was determined.

It's not even worth a pro-con list. We all know the Civic is old, dirty, dinged, dented and outdated. We all know that the Qwest is new, pristine, corporate, expansive and attractive to recruits. But the same

things that the Qwest has going for it, go against it as well. Its too big, too corporate (as in you feel like more of a number than an individual), too expansive and too empty on game days.

Now that UNO fans have been back to the Civic after a year and a half at the "Q", do the questions still remain?



Chris Machian

Linesman Chad Evers looks on when a loose pane can be repaired so he can resume play.

Of course. The Civic just feels like home, especially to the fan that was rabid during the early days. The days when the Maverick team itself was industrial, hard-working, gritty and made of cold concrete. With will of steel and desire to spare, the team was the heartbeat of a building that was in desperate need of one. The Civic is where it was all born. The Mavericks just ... fit.

The Mavericks now, a little more flashy, a little more talented and with all the bells and whistles of a potential national power fit the Qwest. The new generation needs a new place to make new memories. They need to be the ones to break in the Qwest with the buildings first playoff win, the new era's first banner. They already brought it a new trophy, the Omaha Cup, so let the new jewels add sparkle.

Yes, the place is still a bit empty and the fans feel a bit anonymous still, but I think that's changing. What I personally missed about the Civic was how you could walk the concourse and see everyone you know walking by. Things weren't hard to find and the faces were always friendly. What I love about the Qwest is that the Bud Bar has re-introduced that idea. It's the perfect place to meet, and even if you don't get back to your seat in time for the next period, you won't miss the action.

Omaha will never forget the Civic, will never forget the play-in game, will never forget the Ohio State series, all at the Civic. But Omaha will also never forget the first Omaha Cup win, the upcoming first playoff game and the destined dropping of the first championship banner. And in two or three years, when the place is drawing more than 10,000 per game, we will all finally see that we did out grow the Civic.

Minds may have not been made up after going back to the Bullpen, but when there is 10,000 strong for the Michigan series in two weeks, when home ice could be locked up for UNO, you all will know. And all will be thankful. We all love the Civic for what it is, but let us all love the Qwest for what it can be. Traditions take time, and in my opinion, last year aside, this is year one, A.C., After Civic. Lay it to rest.



Michelle Bishop

Bobby Henderson digs the puck out of the corner boards during last weekend's series at the Civic Auditorium. UNO swept 3-2, 4-2.

Soccer recruiting class (From GoMavs.unomaha.edu)

Casey Bigsby, Omaha

Earned all-state honors as a junior at Omaha Central High School ... also a cross country and basketball standout for the Eagles ... a four-time state qualifier in cross country and a two-time medalist ... three-year varsity player in basketball and a two-year starter, she is a team captain as a senior ... carries a 4.55 GPA and ranks 12th in her class and is a Regents' Scholarship recipient ... will be either a forward or midfielder at UNO ... daughter of Michelle and Keith Bigsby.

Whitney Hill, Gretna, Neb.

A four-year member of the soccer team, she is a two-time all-conference pick and was an all-state

selection in 2004 as a junior ... carries a 4.0 GPA and is considering pre-medical studies or education as a major at UNO ... ranks first in her class academically ... daughter of John and Charles Hill.

Amanda Iwansky, Columbus, Neb.

A four-year member of the varsity team at Columbus High School, she earned second-team all-state honors as a sophomore and was a first-team selection as a junior last spring, in addition to earning second-team all-class, all-state honors ... also a standout player in volleyball and a basketball ... carries a 4.0 GPA and ranks fourth in her class and has earned a Chancellor's

Scholarship to UNO ... will play outside midfielder or outside defender at UNO ... daughter of Karen and Roger Iwansky.

Whitney Telschaw, Omaha, Neb.

A four-year varsity player, she was a second-team all-Metro Conference player and honorable mention all-state player as a junior ... her club team, the Arsenal Strikers, were four-time state champions ... will be an outside midfielder ... carries a 3.3 GPA and is an honor roll student and the team captain ... daughter of Christine Telschaw.

Tara Wegehaupt, Duluth, Minn.

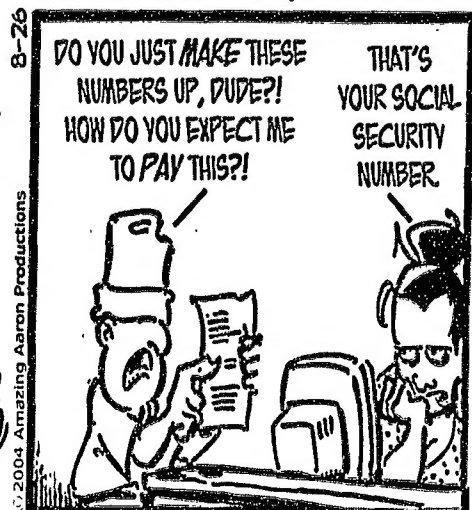
Earned all-area and first-team all-state honors in 2004 at Duluth East High School ... selected to Minnesota All-Star Classic ... also plays basketball ... a four-year starter, she was the team captain as a senior ... finished her career with 25 goals and 20 assists ... carries a 3.7 GPA and is considering exercise science as a major ... daughter of Tara Wegehaupt and Mark and Joni Wegehaupt.

2 Dudes

By Aaron Warner



IF IT COSTS THIS MUCH JUST TO ENROLL FOR ONE SEMESTER, I'LL NEVER AFFORD TO GET MY DEGREE.



Nichols confident as tennis season kicks off tonight at Hanscom Park

NATHAN LEETE
SPORTS EDITOR

Last year, Head Coach Bill Nichols and the UNO tennis team were the bridesmaids in the North Central Conference, finishing second. Could this be the year they become the brides?

"I think everybody has improved in all aspects of the game," said Nichols. "We're serving better and hitting stronger. Without a doubt we are an improved team."

Some coaches might be a little concerned after almost half of the previous team graduated, but Nichols isn't one of them.

"Inexperience is not a problem," he said.

This year's team is led by seniors Lindsay Henjum, Sarah Huls and Pam Le. Katie Gharst, a sophomore transfer from Washburn University, will also help bolster this year's roster.

According to Nichols, "She's a strong player who will help in both doubles and singles competition."

The Mavericks will also see the return of last year's number one doubles team, in the combination of Le and sophomore Maggie Russell. The teams of Abby Wilson and Gharst along with Huls and Henjum also bring experience and talent back with them.

"I've had problems in the past, but this year I feel like I have three strong doubles teams," Nichols said.

When it comes to singles play, the lineup is a little less set in stone.

"I'm in a real interesting situation," Nichols said of his singles players. "There's no clear cut lineup. There's a



Chris Machian
Head Coach Bill Nichols talks to Abby Wilson after she finished a match last season. UNO opens this weekend.

bunch of girls knocking at the door to be the number one player. Expect a lot of movement because there is a lot of depth on this team."

In tonight's night's opener, expect Nichols to play the whole team in order to try and make the lineup a little bit clearer for the rest of the season.

The Mavs won't have much time to catch their breaths after the opener when they head to St. Peter, Minnesota for the Gustavus Adolphus Tournament. It will be the team's only meeting with the North Dakota, who were the NCC champions for the last two years.

"That's definitely going to be a big match," says Nichols. "Not only will it be a good gauge on how the team looks for the rest of the year, it will have a big effect on conference seating."

The Mavericks will start the season off tonight at Hanscom Park against Nebraska Wesleyan.

Mavericks Sports Notes

COMPILED BY NATHAN LEETE

SPORTS EDITOR

Top-ranked grapplers take on top teams on TV

Maverick wrestlers will take to the mat Friday night at 7 p.m. against No. 4 Central Oklahoma and Saturday night against No. 3 Nebraska-Kearney in two home duals. The Bronchos won the two national championships prior to UNO's win last season. The Mavs beat the Lopers en route to a national dual title two weeks ago. Both matches will be shown live on NETV.

Jenny Finch to appear at UNO

Olympic gold medalist Jenny Finch will be the featured speaker at the Diet Pepsi/UNO Womens Walk luncheon on March 9. Finch pitched for the U.S. softball team in Athens last year. She was also a three-time All-American at the University of Arizona, setting an NCAA record of 60 consecutive wins. The Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk will be held on Saturday, April 16 on the UNO campus. Proceeds will support the scholarship program for UNO women's athletics.

Semerad to receive service award

The Omaha Hockey Hall of Fame will present the Motto McLean Service to Hockey award to the late Jim Semerad at the induction luncheon on Feb. 11. Semerad was a key organizer of the UNO Blue Line Club and coordinated the group's luncheons for many years. He was also a member of the UNO Hockey Committee and longtime supporter of the sport.

Renshaw named swimmer of the week

UNO swimmer Ashley Renshaw was named the North Central Conference female swimmer of the week. Renshaw finished first place in three events during a pair of double duals this week at the HPER pool. She won the 100-yard breaststroke twice last weekend and also won the 200-yard breaststroke.

Soccer signs five to letters of intent

UNO soccer coach Don Klosterman announced the signing of five players to the Maverick soccer team for next year. Klosterman signed four Nebraskans and one player from Minnesota. Casey Bigsby earned all-state honors for Omaha Central last spring. Whitney Hill is a 2004 all-state pick for Gretna, Amanda Iwansky is a two-time all-state member for Columbus and Whitney Telschaw was an honorable mention all-state player as a junior. Tara Wegehaupt, from Duluth, Minn. earned all-state honors for Duluth East High last year.

UNO has qualified for the NCAA II semifinals the last three years and have won the NCC conference title four of their six years of play.

Soccer team falls out of top 25

In the latest National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll the Mavericks softball team dropped out of the preseason top 25. In the previous poll the Mavs were ranked 24th. The loss of both of last season's catchers and inconsistencies in the team's batting may have contributed to the drop in rankings. Erin Bluml and Nicole Vos are the only seniors returning from last season. Vos is only one home run away from tying UNO's career record.

Sports rankings

NABC/Division II Men's
Basketball Poll
Tuesday, February 1, 2005

1. Minnesota St-Mankato
2. Bentley
3. Findlay
4. West Georgia
5. Fort Lewis
6. Texas A&M-Commerce
7. Metropolitan St
8. South Carolina Upstate
9. Virginia Union
10. Edinboro
11. Southern Illinois Edwardsville
12. Kennesaw St
13. Seattle Pacific
14. Central Missouri St
15. Florida Gulf Coast
16. Hawaii-Hilo
17. Bowie St
18. Nebraska-Omaha
19. Southern Indiana
20. Southwestern Oklahoma St
21. Pfeiffer
22. Washburn
23. Saint Anselm
24. South Dakota
25. North Dakota

NWCA/Division II
Wrestling Poll
Wednesday, January 26, 2005

1. Nebraska-Omaha 160 1st
2. Augustana (S.D.) 152 2nd
3. Nebraska-Kearney 144 4th
4. Central Oklahoma 136 6th
5. Minnesota State-Mankato 128 8th
6. Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) 120 7th
7. Ashland (Ohio) 112 3rd
8. Mercyhurst (Pa.) 104 5th
9. Adams State (Colo.) 87 11th
10. Shippensburg (Pa.) 80 12th
11. Findlay (Ohio) 79 10th
12. Fort Hays State (Kan.) 75 14th
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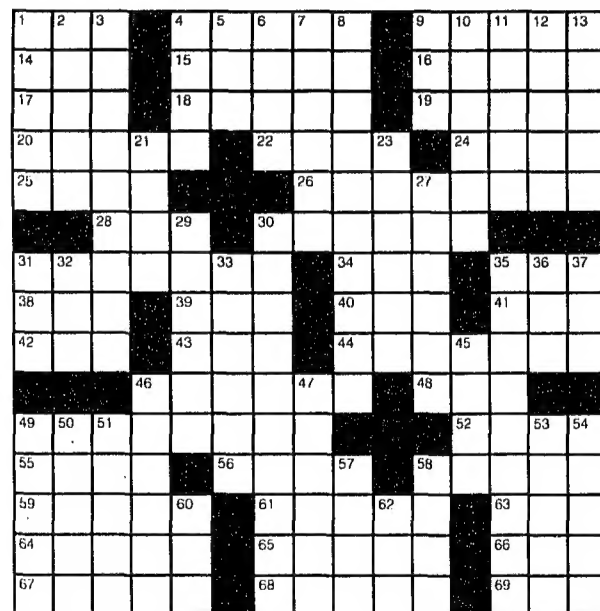
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- 9 Kukla's pal
- 14 Raw mineral
- 15 Horse opera
- 16 Twosomes
- 17 Gore and Hirt
- 18 Ordinary writing
- 19 Entrance flooring
- 20 Styles
- 22 Okinawan port
- 24 Laertes or Hamlet
- 25 Made haste
- 26 Bibb and iceberg
- 28 Sch. near Harvard
- 30 Made a parody of
- 31 Film clips
- 34 Amoral deed
- 35 Gershwin or Levin
- 38 Actor McKellen
- 39 Clemente
- 40 Coat a cake
- 41 Concur soundlessly
- 42 Half a bikini
- 43 Writer Grafton
- 44 Religious congregations
- 46 Bob Marley's forte
- 48 Writer Hentoff
- 49 Of an ear part
- 52 Itemization
- 55 Simply
- 56 Body toss
- 58 Actor Reeves
- 59 Paper measures
- 61 Wear away
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- 64 Blender setting
- 65 Woodland deity
- 66 Stretch of time
- 67 Tire in a trunk
- 68 Old anesthetic
- 69 Moines

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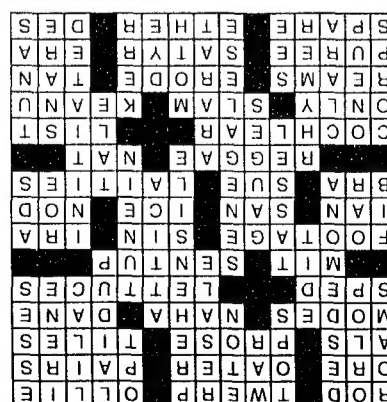
- 1 Wanders
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- 3 Othello's love
- 4 Surpasses



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Solutions



- 45 "The ___ of Genji"
- 46 Doggerel writer
- 47 Noah's peak
- 49 Part of USMC
- 50 A point ahead
- 51 Nurse Barton
- 53 Kind of drum
- 54 Albatross and bluefins
- 57 Night-flying insect
- 58 John or Deborah
- 60 Observe
- 62 Coloring agent

UNO band trounced by new Husker recruits by Nebraskans

First off, I have to send a "congratulations" to the UNO Marching Band. You were given a chance to do something that may never happen again, the chance to participate in the Presidential Inauguration Parade, and play before the president. It must've been a great honor.

But, something happened regarding this event that has really made me mad to no end.

For the 10 p.m. newscast for KETV, they did manage to show the band, but for only about 15 to 30 seconds. Then, later on in the news cast, they spend 2-4 minutes on (get ready for this) two "verbal commitments" for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Huskers football team. Gee, which one seems more important to you: the UNO Marching Band participating in the Inauguration, or two guys making less-than-solid "commitments" to a college football team? Just being the Huskers does not exempt them. These guys even had someone in Washington, why the hell couldn't they get some interviews with band members afterward? Just them marching down the street, and that's it.

The biggest travesty is with the Friday edition of an Omaha newspaper. First, I have to explain that they like to re-arrange the five sections, mostly when there's important news on other sections. When I picked up a copy at the Milo Bail Student Center convenience store and started to flip through it, I hit the sports section. Taking up nearly half of the entire front page was (gasp) the two "verbal commitments." And after searching every page, back and forth, I found nothing, not even a photograph, of the band on its way down the parade route. But, as I said, they made sure you saw the new "verbal" recruits, huh.

So, what happened here? Since when did a history-making event take a back seat to two "verbal" commitments? About the best guess I can figure falls along two lines. Line 1: Husker football is about the only thing Nebraska has going for it, and Line 2: Because UNO and UNL are in different "classes," anything UNL does instantly trumps things we do.

I'll give you an example. Let's say that the UNO hockey team has just won the (Central Collegiate Hockey Association) championship. Meanwhile, let's say that, during practice, a Husker player farts while trying to stretch, raising a big stink. Now, which one do you think will make bigger headlines? Believe it or not, I honestly think the latter would.

I mean, if KETV is going to call itself "The Omaha Channel," shouldn't it put UNO (Omaha) before UNL (Lincoln)?

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

And along that same line, if the Omaha daily newspaper is going to refer to itself as Omahan, then shouldn't the same apply?

But, to be fair, KETV and the daily newspaper may have already covered this before the Jan. 20. I understand that. The problem I have is since when have two less than solid "commitments" become more important than history? Somebody

want to answer that?

But, folks, UNO has been stepped on day after day. We have to work our butts off in order to make headlines, and all the Husker football team has to do is just practice. We damn near have to win a national title in order to get recognized. And all they have to do is get a player arrested, or have a good practice.

I'll admit two things, though. No. 1: I hate Husker football. I loathe it with a passion. After twenty years of nothing but "Husker this, Husker that," I just said to myself, "Enough." And No. 2: UNL probably has more than Husker football going for it. I've got a professor, every day I think, who drives from Lincoln to Omaha, just to teach his classes here. If I asked him what, besides Husker football, UNL has going for it, I'd probably get an hour's lecture. I'm sure UNL is more than football, but you wouldn't think of that now, would you?

And it's not just to us where the local media elevates these Husker ninnies to deity status. A few years back, the late Dale Earnhardt (of NASCAR) was involved in an accident that nearly claimed his life. So what made sports headlines? Another wonderful practice down at Memorial Stadium. Geez, a man's life is on the line, and you care more about some stupid football team practice?

I guess the thing that just irritates me to no end about this is the fact that when our band made history, shouldn't we have gotten more coverage than the less than solid commitments to a football team? Thirty seconds compared to two minutes. That's a hell of a way to treat history. Not even mentioning it compared to plastering the front page of the sports section? That's not just a poor way to treat history, but that's overkill.

And I actually saw them play. I was sitting in the TV Lounge at Milo Bail. The TV was tuned into CNN, and they had a split screen. On the left, they were talking about the people behind the scenes of the food that the president eats. And on the right side, our band marching triumphantly down the parade route. Heck, even Wolf Blitzer mentioned the band, though when he did, they'd already passed. But, regardless of that, that's more coverage than they've received back here at home.

I've come to realize something throughout this whole ordeal. I've realized that we may never be good enough for the local media to take notice. That no matter what we may do, those red and black-shirted ninnies at Memorial Stadium always take precedence around here. It's a shame, really, but that's as far as I'm concerned.

When there's no more war, our government will get respect

With the confirmation of Condoleezza Rice as Secretary of State, I have been granted a new sense of patriotism. I love my country so much at this moment that I am going to bathe in the rights I was given at birth.

Rice's placement has motivated me to stand up and say, "What did I just miss?" Her lies in support of George W. Bush's conquest of the desert were just that. Lies.

One may notice that many of Bush's strongest supporters and most trusted allies from the beginning of his administration have jumped ship. And some were knocked overboard. In a time of housecleaning, Rice is digging in deep. With her lack of people skills or scruples, she has been given the equivalent to a war remote control.

The nomination of Judge Alberto Gonzales for attorney general should also incite panic. Gonzales has stood by saying that the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay should not be afforded protection by or access to the United States judicial system, despite the fact that these prisoners are being held by the United States. This begs the question "To which legal system are they allowed to plead for their freedom?"

Gonzales has called the Geneva Convention "quaint" and has said that its application is conditional. This attitude will only serve to fuel the double standards that have already perpetuated this seemingly endless war in the Middle East.

I am not a proponent of this war, nor am I a fan of this administration. I believe vehemently that the war is wrong and that we, in violation of international law, have invaded a country so as to benefit big business. I believe that the current administration has lied to us so as to fatten its own belly. They have made our military into pirates of the sand; hit men in the Bush-Cheney Mafia. There is no plan or timetable to remove United States forces from the Middle East. I deplore this action and the fact that it is being sold with the obscene price tag it carries: innocence.

I have seen military families stretched thin. Their spirits are being tested in a manner that most of us will never comprehend. This war is not about tanks and armory, but it is about soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, members of the coast guard and their families. It is about these amazing people who have chosen to keep the promise they made when they joined the armed services. It is about getting them out of harm's way with the utmost expedience and reuniting mothers with their children and lovers with their loves.

The e-mail prayer chains that insinuate that a few small mumblings in the dark in front of my computer is enough to bring them home safely and quickly bother me. There is a certain proclivity in this country to pair faith and politics lately. Prayers haven't really done the trick yet. Now is the time to use the political system that was designed by the people for use by the people.

If you are in support of the war, join the war. Enlist. Do not be an

Bitter with Age



Angi Sada

armchair patriot. Popular patriotism should not be as casual as picking up a Performance Fleece at the local Old Navy. Don't drive your SUV with its yellow magnetic ribbon and feel that you have done enough. If you are not eligible to enlist, become proactive in our community. Organize groups to send care packages to troops. Help the spouse of a

deployed service member with basic things like cleaning gutters, shoveling snow, childcare or by being a reassuring presence.

If you do not support this debacle, remember that in voicing your dissent, respect for the soldiers must be given without condition. They're keeping a promise that they made to you and me. Some of them are struggling with it more than you'd think. (You think it's hard being an anti-war liberal in Omaha? Try it in the war zone.) If it is loud enough, your dissent may save their lives. Voicing dissent is as much an obligation, perhaps an even more burdensome one, than acquiescing to the current administration's plan or lack thereof.

War is complicated. It is a mingling of hearts and obligatory action. It is a place where dreams are eaten in order to give life to new ones. It is the type of oxy moron that baffles the observer while abandoning the participant. It is a place that we, as a nation, do not have to be. Vocalize your support for the troops. Put action behind those words, heart behind those bumper stickers and force your government to bring them home.

No one with a pulse and a small amount gray matter can discount the success of the recent Iraqi elections or their value. This foray into the democratic scene for the Iraqi people was past due and will shape the global forecast for years to come. One can draw comparisons between these elections and those in Viet Nam some 30 years ago. And that panned out for the best, didn't it?

That does not change the fact that we went into the nation of Iraq for very different motives. The White House is justifying its actions by hyping the side effects, like pharmaceutical companies advertising the wonders birth control pills do for complexions. We did not go to liberate the people of Iraq. We went there to find weapons of mass destruction, which we didn't happen to find. We had no conclusive evidence with which to justify the raid. And, now we have no conclusion in sight. The Bush administration is grabbing at any justification it can concoct at this point.

Henry David Thoreau said, "Let every man make known what kind of government would command his respect, and that will be one step toward obtaining it."

Today, I will say, while exercising my rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of speech, that an honest government with administrators that are capable of separating themselves from their wallets and churches to make good decisions on behalf of all of its people is the type of government that will command my respect.



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Welcome to UNO Mav-Rec

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Aqua Lunch Noon - 12:30 pm HPER Pool Instructor TBA	Total Body Conditioning 2:30 - 3:30 pm HPER 110 Larry	Aqua Lunch Noon - 12:30 pm HPER Pool Crystal	Reg. Turbo Kick 5:00 - 5:50 pm HPER 110 Janine
Reg. Turbo Kick Noon - 12:30 pm HPER 110 Janine	Reg. Pilates 5:15 - 6:15 pm Aqua HPER 230	Fitness 101 12:00 - 12:50 pm HPER 110 Janine	StepStrength 7:00 - 8:00 pm HPER 231 Mara
Int. Pilates 5:15 - 6:15 pm Aqua HPER 230	Step 5:30 - 6:30 pm HPER 110 Lily	W.E.T. 5:15 - 6:15 pm HPER Pool Laura	Friday
Fine 'n' Crunch 7:00 - 8:00 pm HPER 110 Mara	StepStrength 7:00 - 8:00 pm HPER 110 Mara	Step 'n' Tone 5:30 - 6:30 pm HPER 110 Lily	Aqua Lunch 12:00 - 12:50 pm HPER Pool Crystal

Adult Golf Clinics

Instructed by Tim Nelson
UNO Women's Golf Coach and Director of Instruction at Eagle Hills Golf Course
Beginner's Class - For Novices and Hackers
Saturdays 11 am - 12 pm
February 5, 12, 19, 26
HPER 230
Register Today in HPER 100!
Questions? Call 554-2634

Stroke Brush-up - For those who play and want to improve
Saturdays Noon - 1 pm
February 5, 12, 19, 26
HPER 230

HPER Card Holders: \$50, General Public: \$60
Class capacity: 10
\$10 discount for UNO Golf League participants if registered and paid by 1/28

Mav-Rec Outdoor Venture Center

Check out the UNO Climbing Wall!

Climbing Wall Hours
Time
M/W/F: Noon - 9 pm
T/Thurs: 1 - 9 pm
Sat: Noon - 6 pm
Sun: Noon - 6 pm

Belay Certification \$7.50 UNO / \$15 GP
This basic certification allows climbers access to the roped climbing wall.

OVC Schedule of Events

February	March
Basic Climbing Class (Thursdays) Buddy Day @ the Climbing Wall Summer Planning Meeting CPR for the Professional Rescuer Cross Country Skiing Workshop Ladies Night at the Climbing Wall Basic Climbing Workshop Kayak Open Paddling Session Adult CPR Game Night @ the Climbing Wall Wilderness First Aid Lead/Sport Climbing Certification Beyond Basic Kayaking Workshop	Feb 3 - March 3 Feb 6 Feb 9 Feb 12 Feb 13 Feb 15 Feb 15 Feb 20 Feb 23 Feb 25 Feb 26 - 27 Feb 27 Feb 28

Check out all of OVC's upcoming events on the Campus Recreation Website or Pick up the Spring Schedule of Events in the HPER Building outside room 100
Questions? 554-2258/2539
ovc@unomaha.edu

Mav-Rec DANCE

Spring Dance Lessons

Swing
Learn how to dance many types of swing to a variety of music
Swing: 3:30-4:30 pm

Latin +
Learn Latin Salsa, Merengue, Cha Cha, Rumba, Waltz, and Two Step
Latin: 2 - 3 pm

With Activity Card	One Session*	Both Sessions**
You	\$15	add \$5
Friend	\$14	add \$5

Without Activity Card	You	Friend
	\$18	add \$5
	\$15	add \$5

* Price per Session per Class
** For and Session of the Same Class

Session One: Jan. 16, Feb. 14, 20, 27
Session Two: March 6, 13, Apr. 6, 13

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Register in HPER 100

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HPER 230
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Intermediate Pilates
Mondays, 5:15-6:15 pm
HPER 230
*Participants must have completed one semester of Beginning Pilates at UNO Campus Rec or get permission from the instructor. All classes are taught by Anne Herman

-Yoga-

Session 1: January 24 - February 28
Session 2: March 21 - April 25
Mondays 6:30-8pm in HPER 230
Cost (per session): Students - \$15, Faculty Staff \$20, Non-Activity Cardholders and General Public - \$25
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402.554.2539 (Main Office)

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